

Press Release



***Global Finance* Names The Safest Banks By Country 2017**

NEW YORK, September 6, 2017 — *Global Finance* has named the Safest Banks in 106 countries around the world as part of an exclusive survey to be published in the November 2017 issue.

In addition to the Safest Banks by Country, the full report also includes the following: World's 50 Safest Banks, World's 50 Safest Commercial Banks, 50 Safest Banks in Emerging Markets, Safest Islamic Financial Institutions in the GCC, and Safest Banks by Region (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America, Middle East, North America and Western Europe).

Banks were selected through an evaluation of long-term foreign currency ratings—from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch—and total assets of the 1000 largest banks worldwide.

"Despite efforts to harmonize financial rules across regions and around the world, regulations remain unique to each country, due to its particular risks and resources. Especially for banks operating across borders, the challenge is to respond to those individual situations while offering a consistent experience for the corporate clients that also operate in a number of different jurisdictions," said *Global Finance* publisher and editorial director Joseph D. Giarraputo.

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NORTH AMERICA		LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN	
Canada	Toronto-Dominion Bank	Argentina	Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
United States	AgriBank	Bermuda	Butterfield Bank
WESTERN EUROPE		Bolivia	Banco Mercantil Santa Cruz
Andorra	Credit Andorra	Brazil	Itau Unibanco
Austria	BAWAG	Chile	Banco del Estado de Chile
Belgium	BNP Paribas Fortis	Colombia	BBVA Colombia
Cyprus	RCB Bank	Costa Rica	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica
Denmark	Danske Bank	Dominican Republic	Banco de Reservas de la Republica Dominicana
Finland	OP Corporate Bank	Ecuador	Banco Pichincha
France	Caisse des Depots de Consignations	El Salvador	Banco Agricola
Germany	KfW	Guatamala	Banco Agromercantil de Guatemala
Greece	Piraeus Bank	Honduras	Inversiones Atlantida
Iceland	Islandsbanki	Jamaica	National Commercial Bank Jamaica
Ireland	Bank of Ireland	Mexico	Banobras
Italy	Credit Agricole Cariparma	Panama	Banco Latinoamericano de Comercio Exterior (Bladex)
Liechtenstein	Liechtensteinische Landesbank	Paraguay	Banco Continental
Luxembourg	Banque et Caisse d'Epargne de l'Etat	Peru	Scotiabank Peru
Malta	Bank of Valletta	Trinidad and Tobago	First Citizens Bank
Netherlands	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten	Uruguay	Banco de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay
Norway	DNB ASA	Venezuela	Banesco Banco Universal
Portugal	Banco Santander Totta		
Spain	Santander		
Sweden	Handelsbanken		
Switzerland	Zürcher Kantonalbank		
United Kingdom	HSBC		

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ASIA		CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE	
Bangladesh	City Bank	Armenia	Ardshinbank
Brunei	Bank Islam Brunei Darussalam	Azerbaijan	Kapital Bank
Cambodia	ACLEDA Bank	Belarus	Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus
China	China Development Bank	Bulgaria	Societe Generale Expressbank
Hong Kong	Hang Seng Bank	Croatia	Zagrebačka banka
India	State Bank of India	Czech Republic	Česká Spořitelna
Indonesia	Maybank Indonesia	Georgia	Bank of Georgia
Japan	Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi	Hungary	OTP Bank
Malaysia	Maybank	Kazakhstan	Development Bank of Kazakhstan
Mauritius	Mauritius Commercial Bank	Kosovo	ProCredit Bank Kosovo
Mongolia	Trade and Development Bank of Mongolia	Latvia	Citadele Banka
Pakistan	Habib Bank	Lithuania	Šiaulių bankas
Papua and New Guinea	Bank of South Pacific	Poland	ING Bank Slaski
Philippines	BDO Unibank	Romania	BRD-Groupe Societe Generale
Singapore	DBS	Russia	Vnesheconombank
South Korea	Korea Development Bank	Slovak Republic	VUB
Sri Lanka	National Savings Bank	Slovenia	Banka Intesa Sanpaolo
Taiwan	Bank of Taiwan	Turkey	Turkiye Garanti Bankasi
Thailand	Bank of Ayudhya	Ukraine	PJSC Alfa-Bank
Vietnam	VietinBank	Uzbekistan	Asaka Bank

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MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA	
Bahrain	Gulf International Bank
Egypt	National Bank of Egypt
Israel	Bank Hapoalim
Jordan	Arab Bank
Kuwait	National Bank of Kuwait
Lebanon	Bank Audi
Morocco	Attijariwafa Bank
Oman	HSBC Oman
Qatar	Qatar National Bank
Saudi Arabia	National Commercial Bank
Tunisia	Arab Tunisian Bank
UAE	First Abu Dhabi Bank
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	
Angola	Banco Angolano de Investimentos
DCR	Rawbank
Ghana	GCB Bank
Kenya	Stanbic Bank Kenya
Nigeria	Zenith Bank
South Africa	Standard Bank
Tanzania	CRDB Bank
Togo	Ecobank Togo
AUSTRALASIA	
Australia	ANZ
New Zealand	Kiwibank